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METHOD FOR MAKING SAME)	August 14, 1997

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

The documents listed on the enclosed Form FB-A820 have come to the attention of the Applicant and are submitted to the Office under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97. This application is a divisional of U.S. Serial: 08/783,097 filed January 14, 1997, which is a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 08/556,516 filed November 13, 1995 and which issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,603,721, which is a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 08/281,790 filed on July 28, 1994 and which issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,514,154, which is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Serial No. 08/164,986 filed December 9,

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1993, now abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Serial No. 07/783,558 filed October 28, 1991, now abandoned.

A copy of each of the listed documents can be found in U.S. Serial No. 08/783,558, U.S. Serial No. 08/214,402, and U.S. Serial No. 08/281,790.

With respect to U.S. Patent Nos. 4,387,952; 4,963,022; 5,073,694; GB 2 070 490 A; GB 2 135 585 A; EP 0 221 570 A2; EP 0 338 816; and EP 0 361 192, which are attached, these patents were submitted and considered in Reexamination No. 90/004,240 for U.S. Patent No. 5,421,955, which is related to the present application. The '955 patent is a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 08/164,986, which as can be seen above, places the present application in the same chain of related applications.

The Examiner should be aware that during reexamination proceedings for the '955 patent, U.S. Patent Nos. 4,504,354 (George et al.) and 4,776,337 (Palmaz) were extensively considered. Applicants' position concerning the George et al. and Palmaz patents is fully set forth in the Amendments filed March 14, 1997 and June 30, 1997, and need not be repeated here. While Applicants have directed the Examiner's attention to the George et al. and Palmaz references, it is requested that all of the listed references be considered and that the Examiner initial form FB-A820 indicating the references were considered.

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Respectfully submitted,

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